Washington, DC - Congressman Jeff Fortenberry today announced new subcommittee assignments on the House Agriculture and Foreign Affairs Committees. He has been named the new Ranking Republican member of the Ag Committee' Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittee. On the Foreign Affairs Committee, he will serve on the Middle East and South Asia, Africa and Global Health, and Western Hemisphere Subcommittees.

"The development of local foods systems and sustainable agriculture should play an important role in our nutrition and rural economic development policies," Fortenberry said. "I am excited to promote such efforts, as well as provide effective oversight of USDA operations, as Ranking Member of the Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittee."

"Another top priority is effective diplomacy, which is vital to national security and global stability," Fortenberry said. "I look forward to continuing the critical work of protecting our nation and promoting justice and human rights throughout the world, particularly in volatile areas of the Middle East and Africa."

Fortenberry has served on the Agriculture and Foreign Affairs Committees since taking office in 2005. He is also a new member of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

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